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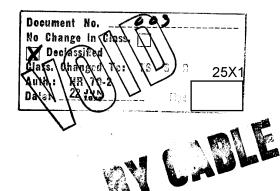
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There was a rumor that KIM Il-song and the Minister of Foreign Affairs PAK Hon-yong are disagreed about future North Korean military strategy. According to the rumor, KIM wants to continue the war in the ROK. He planned to concentrate the remaining North Korean forces in Kyonggi and Kangwon Provinces at points such as Chunchon (127-44, 37-52), in an effort to retake Seoul. PAK is in favor of a withdrawal behind the 38th Parallel defense line until North Korean troops can be retrained and rearmed for a counter-offensive by the Chinese Communists and the Soviets.

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